

SPRING 2013 GLEASON LAKE E-NEWS

From Peter Palm, GLIA President

APRIL Our website is updated; check it out at gleasonlake.org
The 2012 reports are now on line.

Send your email address to: GleasonLIA@gmail.com

so we can send updates over the summer. Help us cut costs on printing, stationery and stamps---using our money for lake projects. We do not share our list with anyone.

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LAKE ACCESS: There is no public access on Gleason Lake. Our only access is through private property southeast of the bridge which GLIA maintains due to gravel washouts each year; we request \$300 for ramp and GLIA support.

We request 24-hour notice prior to using the ramp; it is chained and someone will open access and check the boat for invasives. *Contact: Lee Keeley 763-473-6808.*
If your boat has been on another lake, it should dry out at least 7 days before entering another lake.

Board officers: We are seeking new members for officers. Our current four have served before and are short term only (6 months). We need to fill these positions soon.

Please consider volunteering.

MAY SPRAYING We will spray (Aquathol K) to control curly leaf pondweed when lake water is 50-60 degrees. If DNR gives permission and if we get additional funds from members, we may treat some natives as well. Gleason has 160 acres of water and wetlands. We treated 145 acres in 2007; 16 acres 2011; and 45 acres 2012 (\$15,000 last year). We expect between 16 and 45 acres will need spraying in 2013. Steve McComas will do a survey late April early May.

EVENTS

APRIL 12-13, 2013 GARDEN EXPO open to the public

Friday 5-9pm Saturday 9am-1pm

Plymouth Creek Center, Eco Footprint Lab, 14800 34th Ave N, Plymouth

MAY 23, 2013 ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR all welcome

Zachary Lane Elementary School 6:30 to 8 pm

4350 Zachary Lane, Plymouth 55442

763-504-7300

July 2, 2013 Music in Plymouth

5 p.m. Hilde Center.

Look for the educational environmental booth.

STORMWATER : The Chelsea Mews restoration project should be finished this spring. Major bank restoration and a holding pond were improved by Plymouth with MCWD funding.

BOATING: There is a "NO WAKE AREA" south of Luce Line bridge until past the peninsula. The lakeshore owners appreciate your thoughtfulness so as not to erode their shores.

DONATIONS: We received \$13,325 from 78 of 160 members. If you did not contribute last fall, you will receive a 2nd notice; we are seeking further monies to meet our 2013 budget of \$19,600.

Thank you" to everyone who donated Oct-Dec 2012.

CHANNEL MAKERS: It is important to get out early and often to create a pathway in the lake. The latest report shows coontail covers 128 of 160 acres. It is a native plant filtering nutrients out of the lake and improving the lake quality. It also floats so constant usage will keep paths open and keep plants from matting thick.

TIPS for preventing the spread of AQUA INVASIVES

Warmer weather signals the approach of spring, and with it, thousands of Minnesotans will be using their boats, docks, lifts, and other water-related equipment. Please take precautions to avoid the spread of AIS as you move water equipment.

* **Use permitted service providers:**

Minnesota law requires lake service providers -- anyone hired to install or remove water-related equipment including structures from bodies of water --to undergo training on preventing the spread of AIS. The providers will have yellow stickers displayed on their vehicle and their permit within.

The DNR provides [a list of permitted providers](#).

* **Permit for transporting watercrafts and equipment:**

Because it is illegal to transport any watercraft carrying AIS away from a body of water, even to storage boaters in this situation must obtain a one-way permit from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The permit allows boaters to legally bring their boat to a decontamination station and then to storage.

- * **Self-inspect and report:** Quick response to the presence of an invasive specie(s) can save a water body from infestation. Please check all equipment and structures once they are taken out of the water and report species that are not known to be present in that water body. Contact MCWD AIS Specialist Eric Fieldseth at [952-471-7873](tel:952-471-7873) or efieldseth@minnehahacreek.org to report a suspected new infestation.

GLEASON LAKE'S CONDITION: Even though Curly leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Milfoil have been minimized on our lake, the native Coontail and White Lillypads are a nuisance for **boaters** as vegetation collects on the props; **jet skis** take in vegetation and stall. **Sail boats** collect vegetation on keels causing drag. **Kayak, canoe, small pontoons and fish boats are suggested our lake.**

Gleason Lake has one of the largest subwatersheds in our district -- over 2,400 acres; GLIA partners with other organizations to improve our water quality.

Value of Clean Water Proven Again

Posted January 29, 2013 by Dave Dempsey

Anyone who thinks a clean environment doesn't have tangible value has fresh homework to do.

The textbook is the just-released *Sportfishing in America*, which turns into very tangible numbers the value of clean water in Minnesota.

The American Sportfishing Association survey reports that in 2011 Minnesota:

- * Harvested 35,462 jobs from businesses associated with sportfishing.
- * Hooked \$1.3 billion in sportfishing-related salaries and wages.
- * Netted \$264.3 million in state and local taxes from sportfishing-related activities.
- * Ranked fourth among states in spending by anglers.
- * Ranked eighth among states as a sportfishing destination, attracting 259,000 out of state anglers.

If our rivers and lakes were uniformly fouled by pollution, these economic rewards wouldn't be possible.

Our investments in sewage treatment and control of polluted runoff give back to our economy.

GLEASON'S WATER QUALITY is measured by the MPCA and available on the DNR website. Gleason Lake's grade improved to **C-** in the last few years. MCWD's grading is described as follows: **C Grade** - Swimming, boating, and fishing may be undesirable relatively early in the season. Algae blooms occasionally. **D Grade** - Severe algae problems. People are generally not interested in recreation on these lakes.

2013 GLIA EXPENSE BUDGET

NOV 13 2012

ADMINISTRATION	\$1,000	
stationary and postage		
inkjet for printer		
computer programs		
EDUCATION		
AERATION		
liability insurance	\$ 750	
pump service	300	
electricity Jan & Feb	400	
INVASIVE TREATMENT		
DNR permit	\$ 750	
Spraying 2012 45 acres	15,000 ***	if area increases / costs go up
EWM check	425	
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP.	\$ 500	
seminars		
conferences		
assn dues MSRPO	\$120	
PUBLICITY	\$ 700	
Expo	\$500	
School Fair	\$100	
Day on Lake	\$100	
		<u>TOTAL: \$19,825</u>

On The Line This Week (Mn Legislative News)

If you thought 2013 might be the year the Legislature put Minnesota children ahead of chemical companies, you'll be disappointed to hear that the Senate Commerce Committee killed the Toxic Free Kids Act. The bill required manufacturers that sell children's products containing certain high priority chemicals to report which chemicals are in which products, so that parents don't have to guess or become professional chemists to figure it out themselves. It also said that those manufacturers need to come up with a plan for phasing out those chemicals by a certain date.



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How much are our lakes and rivers worth to us?

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That's the question we're asking as we face the sad fact that the rapid spread of aquatic invasive species is far out pacing the amount of money we've set aside to stop the infestation and get them out of water they're already in. One solution is to have the Department of Natural Resources educate watercraft owners (including nonresidents who bring their boats here for vacation) about the problem and ways they can help stop the spread, and charge an annual fee, based on the size of the watercraft, for certification that they've completed the short online course. It raises around \$7 million/year and it's dedicated only to helping us solve this problem. HF 1442 (Hansen) is up in the House Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee and SF 1442 (Hoffman) is in the Senate Environment and Energy Committee.